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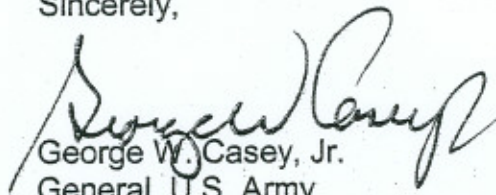
The Honorable Bill Nelson
United States Senate
716 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Nelson,

During my recent testimony before the Senate Armed Services Committee, you requested an update on Multi-National Force efforts to determine the fate of Captain Michael S. Speicher. Since the release of the recommendations of the Navy's 27-28 June 2005 Status Review Board, MNF-I has directed one mission to a Baghdad location believed to be a possible burial site. The mission, conducted on 19 September 2005, involved the excavation of three distinct sites, but produced nothing to link any of them to Captain Speicher.

MNF-I's Joint Personnel Recovery Cell continues to coordinate closely with its CENTCOM and Inter-Agency counterparts to ensure unity of effort and focus. Additionally, the eight "Unanswered Questions" generated as part of the 2005 Intelligence Community Interim Report have been disseminated to my Operations and Intelligence directorates to increase awareness of those issues. Despite these actions, the questions remain unanswered. One of Secretary England's recommendations is to increase Inter-Agency attention and effort inside Iraq. We are doing that, and I assure you that we will continue to develop and pursue every lead regarding Captain Speicher. I will keep you informed of any substantive developments in this case.

Sincerely,


George W. Casey, Jr.
General, U.S. Army
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